

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 1437

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Authorizing a volunteer chaplain for the department of fish and wildlife.

Sponsors: Representatives Dammeier, O'Brien, Pearson, Chandler, Miloscia, Haler, Armstrong, Morrell, Green, Kessler, Kristiansen and Smith.

House Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources
Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Ocean & Recreation

Background:

Various departments of the state and of local governments are authorized to use the services of volunteer law enforcement chaplains to provide emotional support and crisis intervention. Law enforcement personnel of police, fire, and corrections departments, as well as medical examiners and coroners, the state patrol, and local law enforcement agencies may use the services of a volunteer chaplain. The emotional support provided by chaplains includes counseling, stress management, and family life counseling.

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) employs fish and wildlife officers to enforce the statutory duties and rules of the WDFW. Officers of the WDFW have the same police powers and duties as are vested in sheriffs and peace officers and are authorized to serve and execute warrants.

Summary:

The WDFW is authorized to use the services of a volunteer law enforcement chaplain.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	96	1
Senate	46	0

Effective: July 26, 2009

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